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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Honorable Denita Reed
Mayor, Village of Cahokia
103 Main Street
Cahokia, IL 62206-1019

Dear Mayor Reed:

Thank you for your November 28, 2001 letter regarding the proposed listing of the Sauget Area 2 site and the reproposal of Sauget Area 1 site to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL).

For your information, the comment period for the two Sauget sites ended on December 13, 2001. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) will consider all technical comments received during that comment period. Numerous comments have been received on the two Sauget sites. Significant technical comments will be addressed in a technical support document that U.S. EPA will publish concurrently with the Federal Register document, if, and when, the decision is made to list the sites as final on the NPL. It will be some time before the Agency completes its review of the comments and prepares a response.

As your letter indicates, the remediation of Dead Creek is almost complete. Post removal samples will be taken throughout Dead Creek when all Dead Creek sediment removal activities are completed in approximately 8 weeks. Results from the post removal sampling will not be available for several months after collection. These post removal samples will be used to determine what, if any, excavated areas may require further remediation.

There are also other areas within the current Sauget Area 1 site definition which reside within Cahokia's boundaries including at least two fill areas (Area L, N and possibly portions of H), and one former borrow pit (Site M). In addition, groundwater contamination is present in the vicinity of Area L. Sauget Area 1 sampling investigations have been completed and remedial options are currently being evaluated. U.S. EPA Region 5 will work with U.S. EPA Headquarters to consider whether it is appropriate to refine the site definition for Sauget Area 1 site as it pertains to the Village of Cahokia's boundaries. U.S. EPA wants to ensure a comprehensive response to risks from contamination from the Sauget sites. Full cleanup will have a beneficial economic impact, and U.S. EPA will work to minimize any short-term negative economic effects of the proposed NPL listing.

If U.S. EPA determines that any portion of the sites have been cleaned up and available for productive use, those portions will be deleted from the NPL. U.S. EPA may delete sites from the NPL where no further response is appropriate under Superfund. U.S. EPA will consult with the State for partial or entire site removal from the NPL.

Unfortunately, we can not provide you with a more definitive response to your concerns. If you have specific questions regarding the remedial activities currently underway at the sites, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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